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Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of each document is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

No inference should be drawn that any apparatus or method disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

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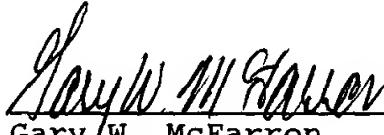
disclosure is necessarily prior in time to a particular date which may be relevant to the instant patent application, and/or that any disclosure is otherwise necessarily prior art with respect to the instant invention.

Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosure of the documents discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), no fee is required.

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